

The scenic beauties of America, and the naturalness of its people are the two things which have impressed Dr. Leo Strauss, German scholar, who is at present visiting lecturer in the Department of Philosophy. A member of the faculty of the New School for Social Research in New York, Dr. Strauss is on leave of absence, during which he will lecture at several men's colleges in the East.

Since his arrival in the United States last year, Hamilton's guest professor has traveled as far west as Chicago, and as far south as Annapolis, where he lectured at St. John's College. Most of his time, however, has been spent in New York, despite the fact that he doesn't like large cities.

"Particularly interesting to me is the attitude of Americans toward animals," Dr. Strauss told your reporter. "In Europe the people take no such interest in their well-being." He then went on to tell about an advertisement for a brand of dog food which guaranteed to give dogs happy dreams. Such a claim would be inconceivable in Europe. Dr. Strauss revealed that he and Mrs. Strauss own a dog, a cross-breed between a Boston bull and fox terrier, whom they call "Schwulch."

In addition to his interest in dogs, Dr. Strauss admitted a weakness for movies, particularly westerns. He spoke very enthusiastically about the recent hit, "Shopworn Angel," which starred James Stewart and Margaret Sullivan. Last week-end Dr. Strauss witnessed his first football game which he enjoyed very much; he was particularly impressed by the organized cheering of Hamilton undergraduates, and the precision with which it was led.

When questioned about the European war, the visiting lecturer spoke with reservation, stressing
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the fact that he was not in a position to make any definite statements since he has not been in his native country for over five years. He did express doubt, however, that there would be a revolution in Germany during the next year unless actual sustained fighting breaks out. Speaking of Britain's recent efforts to incite the German people by means of propaganda leaflets, Dr. Strauss stated that such an effort would probably result in failure. While these leaflets might appeal to the so-called "old-fashioned liberals," they would have little effect on the young Germans.

In conclusion, Dr. Strauss told your reporter something of his studies in Europe. He was born in the vicinity of Frankfortam-Main. After studying at the Universities of Marburg, Berlin, and Freiburg, he received his doctorate at Hamburg and then continued his studies in the history of philosophy at the University of Berlin. In 1932 he received a Rockefeller Fellowship and left Germany to study in Paris. His special interest is Plato's political philosophy.